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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 19 February 1976
Intelligence Board Meeting

1. The attached draft minutes of the 19 February Intelligence Board Meeting are submitted herewith for USIB consideration.

USIB ACTION REQUESTED

2. Board members are requested to advise the Secretariat by close of business 1 March of their approval or other views on the attached minutes.

Executive Secretary

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Minutes of
Seven-hundred-sixteenth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
DCI Conference Room (7D64)
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1400 hours, 19 February 1976

Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George Bush
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA, Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence
Mr. Roger Kirk, Acting Director of Intelligence and Research, Department
of State
Lieutenant General Eugene F. Tighe, Jr., USAF, Acting Director, Defense
Intelligence Agency
Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF, Director, National Security
Agency
Mr. William N. Morell, Jr., Department of Treasury Representative to USIB
Major General Edward B. Giller, USAF (Ret.), Energy Research and
Development Administration Representative to USIB
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
Representative to USIB

SERVICE OBSERVERS PRESENT

Major General Harold R. Aaron, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Bobby R. Inman, USN, Director of Intelligence, Department
of the Navy
Major General George J. Keegan, Jr., USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, United States Air Force

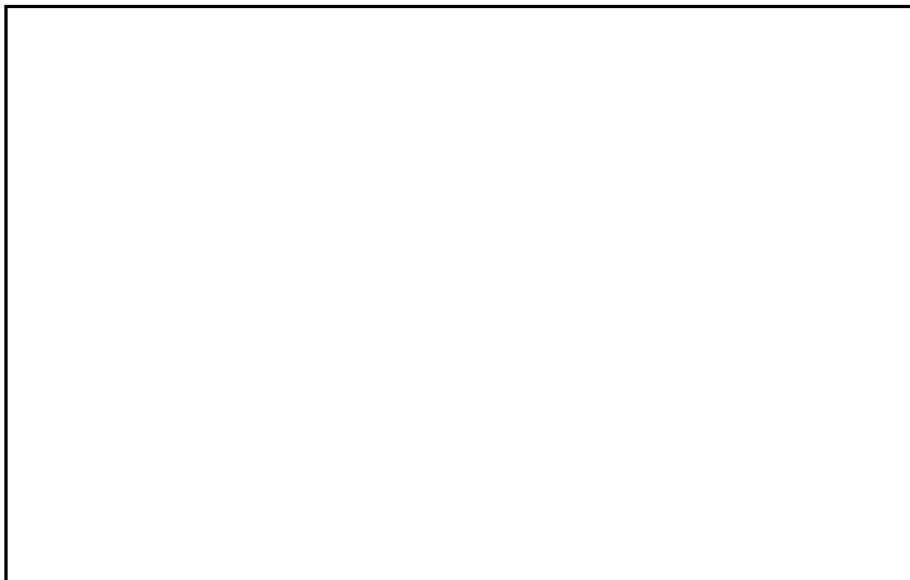
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1. Presentation of National Intelligence
Distinguished Service Medal to
Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson, USA

Preceding the regular USIB meeting the DCI, at a special ceremony/luncheon with the USIB Principals and others in attendance, presented the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal to General Wilson for his outstanding service to the Intelligence Community. The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:



2. Comments by the Director
of Central Intelligence

Before addressing the regular agenda items, Mr. Bush commented briefly on the President's Executive Order on United States Foreign Intelligence Activities. Mr. Bush observed that it was fairly complex and affected all of us in the Intelligence Community. He noted that, while the USIB has been abolished by the Executive Order, it was with clear understanding of the President that a structure to replace the USIB machinery would have to be reinvented to carry on many of the same functions. Mr. Bush stressed the DCI responsibilities for the

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production of national intelligence and that he would come up with suggestions on how best to carry out this responsibility. He also noted that there was no other pragmatic solution except to keep the current committee and USIB structure intact until changes are developed. Changes, however, are to be accomplished in the near future.

He observed that the media seemed more concerned with the restrictions and secrecy proposals in the Executive Order rather than the overall intelligence structure and process. He said that the Intelligence Community, however, must also be concerned with how to best organize the Community to provide better intelligence to meet the needs of the country and national policy. He said he intends to move promptly in this area, noting that the first meeting of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence (CFI) would take place immediately after this meeting. He said that the Executive Order provided an opportunity to streamline the boards and committees of the Intelligence Community. He noted that the Intelligence Community Staff would play an important role in this endeavor as a vital part of the Intelligence Community machinery. He pointed out that one of the stipulations of the Executive Order is that the reorganization must be accomplished within existing personnel levels.

Mr. Bush described the CFI as a very important part of the machinery particularly as it relates to resources, but he stressed DCI responsibilities, which do not directly involve the CFI, for the production of intelligence and presentation of that intelligence to the President.

Mr. Bush urged all USIB Principals to carefully review the restrictions enumerated in the Executive Order, noting that for CIA, Mr. Colby had already implemented most of them.

Mr. Bush said that, contrary to the 1971 Presidential Directive, and at the suggestion of Mr. Colby and himself, the DCI would no longer be responsible for tactical intelligence. He noted the difficulty in distinguishing the difference between national and tactical intelligence in some areas, but said that he intended to do his level best to be fair in following the directive. He anticipated working closely with some of the USIB Principals on this problem.

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Notwithstanding some reports, Mr. Bush stressed that he did not intend, nor was it the intent of the Executive Order, to have him operate as a "Czar" of intelligence. He said that we have an Intelligence Community and that he has great respect for its members and intended to work closely with them. He said he had no intention of dictating to, or being insensitive to, the interests of the various components of the Intelligence Community.

Mr. Bush invited suggestions from the USIB Principals on how to restructure the USIB and its related functions. He asked that these suggestions be provided to the D/DCI/IC, preferably in writing. Comments are requested as soon as possible but not later than 1200 hours on 1 March 1976. In addition he said that he would be available if any USIB Principal wished to discuss this subject with him personally.

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